

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB043-LAW-CRIM-1-29-21
Title: ELECTIONS, VOTING, CAMPAIGN FINANCE
Sponsor: HUGHES
Requester: (S) State Affairs

Department: Department of Law
Appropriation: Criminal Division
Allocation: Criminal Justice Litigation
OMB Component Number: 2202

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable. Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation amends the crime of unlawful interference with voting in the second degree to include

- 1) Knowingly assisting a voter in marking an absentee ballot and failing to print the voter's name and the person's name and physical address on the voters certificate on the envelope; or signing and dating the voter's certificate;
- 2) Knowingly assisting a voter in marking an absentee ballot and being a candidate, ballot measure campaign employee, volunteer, sponsor, or circulator; and
- 3) Knowingly possessing a ballot for statewide election that has been mailed to another person unless the person possessing the ballot is an election official engaged in official duties, an employee of the United States Postal Office or another person authorized by law to collect mail, or a family member, household member, or caregiver of the voter to whom the ballot was mailed.

Unlawful interference in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail.

While this legislation may result in an increase in cases, the Department of Law does not expect that increase to be significant enough to require additional funding. Therefore, the department does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation.